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FROM US REP MBFR

USIA FOR IEU

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PARM, NATO

SUBJECT: MBFR: PRESS STATEMENT FOLLOWING OPTION III TABLING

1. AHG AGREED ON DEC. 15 TO USE TEXT BELOW WHICH WAS  
READ AT PRESS BRIEFING BY U.S. DELOFF (HOLZAPFEL).  
BRIEFING WAS HELD AT 1130 VIENNA TIME, DECEMBER 16,  
FOLLOWING U.S. PLENARY PRESENTATION. NO FURTHER PUBLIC  
COMMENT WILL BE FORTHCOMING FROM US DEL.

2. MEDIA HAVE ALREADY PREDICTED GENERAL CONTENT OF  
TODAY'S PLENARY PRESENTATION, BASED ON BROAD PLAY  
GIVEN BY EUROPEAN PRESS TO MBFR SECTION IN BRUSSELS  
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MINISTERIAL COMMUNQUE.

BEGIN TEXT:

1. AT THE MATO MINISTERIAL SESSION HELD ON DECEMBER 11-12, 1975, THE MINISTERS OF THE PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES REVIEWED THE STATE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS ON THE MUTUAL REDUCTION OF FORCES AND ARMAMENTS AND ASSOCIATED MEASURES IN CENTRAL EUROPE. THEY RECALLED THAT IT IS THE AIM OF THESE NEGOTIATIONS TO CONTRIBUTE TO A MORE STABLE RELATIONSHIP AND TO THE STRENGTHENING OF PEACE AND SECURITY IN EUROPE.

2. THEY STRESSED AGAIN THAT EXISTING DISPARITIES IN GROUND FORCE MANPOWER AND TANKS ARE THE MOST DESTABILIZING FACTOR IN CENTRAL EUROPE AND THAT ANY AGREEMENT MUST DEAL ADEQUATELY WITH DISPARITIES. THEY RECONFIRMED THEREFORE THE WESTERN PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH IN THE AREA OF REDUCTIONS APPROXIMATE PARITY IN GROUND FORCES IN THE FORM OF A COMMON COLLECTIVE CEILING FOR GROUND FORCE MANPOWER ON EACH SIDE.

3. THE MINISTERS REITERATED THEIR RESOLVE TO PURSUE VIGOROUSLY ALL THE ALLIED OBJECTIVES IN ORDER TO ASSURE UNDIMINISHED SECURITY FOR ALL PARTIES.

4. WITH A VIEW TO ACHIEVING THESE OBJECTIVES, THE MINISTERS APPROVED IMPORTANT ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS AND AUTHORIZED THEIR PRESENTATION IN THE VIENNA NEGOTIATIONS.

5. ON DECEMBER 16, 1975, WESTERN REPRESENTATIVES IN VIENNA PRESENTED THESE IMPORTANT ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS, WHICH INCLUDE REDUCTION OF U.S. NUCLEAR ARMAMENTS, TO THE EASTERN PARTICIPANTS.

6. WESTERN DELEGATIONS ARE NOT IN A POSITION TO PROVIDE FURTHER DETAILS. END TEXTRESOR

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